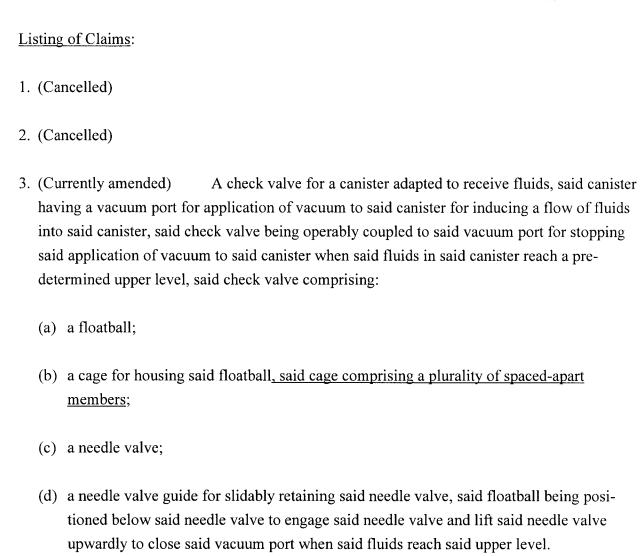
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:



- 4. (Currently amended) The check valve according to claim 2 or 3 or 5 wherein said fluids are body fluids produced during surgery.
- 5. (New) The check valve according to claim 3 wherein said needle valve is detached from said floatball.